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SUBJECT: SAUDI MISSION TO SYRIA

REF JIDDA 1182

1. SAYYID OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT (MARCH 23)
THAT HE WOULD GO THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO DAMASCUS FOR
TALKS WITH PRESIDENT ASAD OF SYRIA. THE MAIN TOPIC
WILL BE THE STRAINS DEVELOPING IN THE ARAB CAMP. HE
SAID HE AND KING FAISAL WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY
GROWING COOLNESS BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS. ARAB
UNITY WAS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, HE SAID, AND IT IS

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EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE. HOWEVER, ALL EFFORTS

MUST BE MADE TO KEEP THE ARABS TOGETHER.

2. COMMENT: OMAR SAQQAF IS CLEARLY BIASED TOWARD THE SYRIANS. ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THAT THE ARABS, WITHOUT EGYPT, CAN DO NOTHING, HE ALSO MAKES FREQUENT DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT EGYPTIANS' ABILITY, COURAGE AND RESOLUTION. AND HE CLEARLY SUSPECTS THAT EGYPT, IN SPITE OF MANY PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, MIGHT BE LED INTO A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. HE HAS SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT THE MINUTE THAT HAPPENS, ALL SAUDI ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WITH EGYPT ENDS. AKINS UNQUOTE RUSH

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